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1. The 12 Soviet Mechanized Division consists of the 83 Armored Regiment, the 67 Infantry Regiment, the 104 Infantry Regiment, the 125 Infantry Regiment, and the 37 Field Artillery Regiment.

The 83 Armored Regiment:

2. The 83 Armored Regiment is quartered in Arad in the area between Cosbuc and 7 Novembrie Streets, beginning at Boulevard Republicii and as far as Strada Horia. The area has been evacuated of its civilian population and is surrounded by barbed wire. The homes have been requisitioned for the personnel of this regiment. There are barricades at the southern ends of Cosbuc and 7 Novembrie Streets. The men wear black shoulder boards with red decoration.

3. The regimental commander is Colonel Mihai Mihailovitch Buroy. The regimental strength is 21 officers, 463 noncommissioned officers, and 38 men. It is divided into two battalions, each with four companies of 50 to 60 men each. In the 1 Battalion each company has 10 tanks of the Sherman type. The 2 Battalion has 10 T-34 tanks in each company.

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The 67 Infantry Regiment:

5. This regiment is in the Arad-Micalaca suburb, on the western side, where the population has been evacuated and the area wired in. The regiment is fully motorized. Its commander is Colonel Ivan Sergeivitch Tshubarev.

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6. The strength of the 67 Infantry Regiment is about 650 men. It is divided into two battalions with four companies each, and a communications platoon, an engineer platoon, a gas platoon, a repair platoon, and a quartermaster platoon. Each company has four light Maxim-Tokarev machine guns and two heavy type M 38 Degtyarev machine guns. Shoulder boards are the color of the uniform with red decorations.

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The 104 Infantry Regiment:

8. This regiment is quartered at Aradul Nou, where a new barracks was built on the road to Zadarlac. This barracks is not yet altogether complete. The commander is Colonel Vassili Vasilievitch Netsheporenko. It is divided like the 67 Regiment, but in addition has a scouting platoon and an anti-aircraft platoon.

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The 125 Infantry Regiment:

10. This regiment is in the Arad Gai suburb, in an area where the civilian population has been evacuated.

11. The 125 Infantry Regiment has two battalions, a scouting platoon, an engineer platoon, a communications platoon. An antitank platoon has also been observed. The number of men is 450 to 490.

12. Equipment observed includes 24 light machine guns, eight 82 mm mortars, and two 76.2 antitank guns, auto-towed. Shoulder boards are the color of the uniform with red decorations.

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The 37 Field Artillery Regiment:

14. The 37 Field Artillery Regiment is in the village of Sofronea. The commander is Colonel Andrei Sakharov. Strength is about 600 men. It is divided into two sections, each with three batteries, each battery having four 76.2 mm guns. The shoulder boards are the color of the uniform with green decorations.

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16. There are two units belonging to this division at Bujacul Mare. This town is a forbidden area. It would appear that these units are armed with mortars or rocket-projectors, local people having spoken of seeing rockets. The men have light grey decorated shoulder boards.

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Comment: This is usual for a Soviet Armored Regiment, which seldom has more than 40 or 50 privates, the rest being noncommissioned officers.

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